

DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors, with William C. Manning, Jr., Varavani J. Dwarki, Katherine Rendahl, and Shangzhen Zhou, of the invention entitled "USE OF RECOMBINANT GENE DELIVERY VECTORS FOR TREATING OR PREVENTING DISEASES OF THE EYE," which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of Patent Application No. 09/665,493, which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 20, 2000 and for which a patent is sought. This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/525,956, filed March 15, 2000, which application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/124,460, filed March 15, 1999; and 60/174,984, filed January 6, 2000.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below mamed inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: USE OF RECOMBINANT GENE DELIVERY VECTORS FOR TREATING OR PREVENTING DISEASES OF THE EYE

the specification of which (check one) ___ is attached hereto X was filed on September 20, 2000 , as Application Serial No. 09/665,493 and was amended on ____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)
Number Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

Priority Claimed
Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, \$119(e) of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, \$112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, \$1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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